

## Poll Shows Biology Students Dissatisfied With Hoyt's Method

### Chemistry Department Is Rated High, Survey Shows

### Changes In Second Year Cultural Courses Recommended

Going into the second week of its poll, student opinion today conferred on the chemistry department the distinction of being one of the best departments of the University from top to bottom. The biology department was defended as good, but opinion frequently suggested very much improvement in teaching methods of Doctor William Dana Hoyt.

Student opinion in both departments recommended changes in the second year cultural courses for their inclusion in the elementary courses of study or for making them adequate for advanced study.

Biology along with chemistry is one of the key units in the University's pre-medical training, wherein Washington and Lee stands exceptionally high. From freshmen to graduates, opinion held that the department covered an adequate amount of material and generally was well equipped, but that the quarters of the department needed to be extended considerably. Students also suggested that more text and library work might be required to supplement the material of lectures on which the department seems mainly to depend.

Introductory course is Biology 1-2 taught by Mr. Hill. Opinion said this was a good and interesting course, but that text and library work could possibly be assigned to advantage. Teaching in the course was held to be among the best in school. Well organized, understandable explanations and illustrations, were some of the comments. Lab work was said to be adequate and interesting.

### Biology 3-4 Criticized For Faulty Organization

Biology 3-4 constitutes the next course. This is taught by Doctor Hoyt, covering well in more detail the material of the elementary course, with an excellent laboratory conducted by Mr. Hill. Opinion was unanimous in suggesting that Doctor Hoyt could present this course to better advantage. The students want better organization, lectures which have a natural development in their presentation, and good drawn illustrations to supplement verbal description. Here, as in all biology courses, more text and library work was held desirable.

Biology 151 is a cultural course in economic biology taught by Mr. Hill. Except for suggested supplementary reading, it was said to be well presented as all of Mr. Hill's courses. Biology 152 is subsequent to this course and covers modern biology. It is taught by Dr. Hoyt and received similar criticism to other of his courses. Both of these courses were considered somewhat accessory. Some suggested they be included in the work of Biology 1-2 or Biology 3-4 as supplementary library material. The suggestion inferred that this would also give pure science majors the advantage of this cultural knowledge.

### Working Conditions Bad In Vertebrate Anatomy

Limited enrollment in the department's two botany courses made it seem advisable to except these from the survey. Biology 203-4 is the next advanced course covering vertebrate anatomy. It was here particularly that students criticized working conditions, which rendered laboratory work difficult with even the best of equipment. Teaching by Doctor Hoyt was held up to the same criticism of needed organization and better presentation.

Theories of Biology is a pure lecture course by Dr. Hoyt and was held to be the weakest advanced course in the department. Better organized lectures and more reading were suggested improvement. Problems of Biology and Advanced Problems of Biology



Dr. L. J. Desha who secured a place in "Who's Who" is today endorsed by the student poll.

## Varsity Orators Engage Georgia At Buena Vista

### Burner, Christopher Oppose Hollis, Norman At Southern Seminary

William L. Burner and Thomas Christopher were Washington and Lee's representatives in a non-decision debate this afternoon with the University of Georgia. The debate was held at Southern Seminary in Buena Vista.

Washington and Lee upheld the affirmative side of the question: Resolved, that the United States should cease the use of public funds, including credit, for the purpose of stimulating business. This was the first time that the two schools have met in this section in forensic competition. They will meet again on Georgia's campus the latter part of February with W-L taking the negative.

Representing the University of Georgia were Howell Hollis, of Columbus, Georgia, and Robert C. Norman, of Washington, Georgia. Both are juniors and have had several years of debating experience. Hollis is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and Norman is a Sigma Chi.

Burner and Christopher have also distinguished themselves in debate work. Burner, captain of the squad, having participated in 17 debates and Christopher in 16.

The debate with W-L is a part of Georgia's annual northern trip, which also includes Winthrop college, the University of Virginia, Catholic university, Johns Hopkins university, the University of Pennsylvania, Rutgers university, and Princeton university.

## 1939 Valentines Turn To Insults; Western Union Sticks To Poetry

By NED BURKS

Have you lately had that haunting feeling that some demon was after you to reveal all your faults to an eager world? Perhaps you have been afraid to get the mailer to answer the door this week.

Well, the chances are that you have received one of the dime emporium's choicest valentines. Yes, today is the day when the post office department rules that no holds are barred and consequently all kinds of insulting messages pass through the mails. Typical of the greetings that even the nicest people receive is as follows:

Master Chisel—  
"At a party you're right on the spot  
To get all that there is to be got.  
You horn right in to get a free spread—  
With a crust like yours, gosh,  
would my face get red."

Observations yesterday revealed that the sale of valentines was go-

## Strode Backs Hull's Policy In Americas

### Agrees With Roosevelt's Present Policy Of Rearmament

### Points Out Increasing Number of European Immigrants

Hudson Strode, widely-known lecturer, writer and professor of English, spoke to a representative audience of students, faculty members, and townspeople at 7:30 last Friday night in Lee chapel. The subject for the talk was "Our Latin Neighbors."

The recent friendly policies of Secretary of State Cordell Hull and the "good neighbor policy" of President Roosevelt, said the speaker, have done much to change the attitude of South Americans toward the United States. Until three years ago they were suspicious and resentful of our aloofness. Under leadership of Secretary Hull, the United States has won the confidence and respect of our Latin neighbors, Strode stated.

### Asks Defense

Expressing the opinion that it is the duty of the United States to defend and protect its South American neighbors against European domination, Mr. Strode stated that he was in agreement with President Roosevelt's program of rearmament, as it is necessary for us to be prepared if we are to stand behind the South American countries.

European people in increasing numbers, he said, are coming into these countries and going into business. A large percentage of the leaders in South American business and politics are of Italian birth, and many Germans and Japanese have established themselves solidly in the life and activities of our southern neighbors.

### "Dollar" Diplomacy

Strode pointed out that United States citizens who go to South America do not as a rule take up permanent residence there; but merely remain long enough to become prosperous, and then return to their native country.

The speaker gave an account of the customs and practices of the South American people in all walks of life.

Mr. Strode described the scenery which he saw during an airplane flight from Santiago, Chile, over the Andes mountains to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The reason European countries are favored with the bulk of the South American trade, stated Mr. Strode, is that United States produces for export approximately the same raw materials as do our Latin neighbors. As a result, we have no occasion to import their products. They export their products to European who, in turn, sell European manufactured goods to the South American. Thus, the United States is left out.

The speech was Mr. Strode's last in this country before he departs for a tour of the Scandinavian countries to study conditions and customs.



Dr. Francis P. Gaines, W-L president, who was recently named to 1938-39 "Who's Who"

## Men Connected With University In 'Who's Who'

### Dr. Gaines, Chancellor Denny Named Along With Faculty Group

The 1938-39 edition of "Who's Who In America" contains the biographies of eight men connected with Washington and Lee. The group includes Dr. F. P. Gaines, Dr. George H. Denny, former president of W-L and at present University chancellor, Dr. L. J. Desha, Dr. Thomas J. Farrar, Dr. G. D. Hancock, Dr. James L. Howe, Dr. William D. Hoyt, and Dr. Robert H. Tucker.

Dr. Gaines is widely known throughout the educational circles of the nation. He has taken major parts in almost all educational conventions and was recently appointed on a national board to investigate social security for colleges.

Formerly president of the University, Dr. Denny served also as president of the University of Alabama from 1909 until his retirement several years ago. He is known as one of the foremost educators in the South.

Dr. Desha has gained prominence through his book "Organic Chemistry" which was published in 1936. He is also active in state scientific circles as a member of the Virginia Academy of Science at whose convention last year he delivered a paper.

As a professor of modern languages, particularly German, Dr. Farrar has gained prominence.

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## SDX Group To See Newspaper Plants; Plans Annual Prize

Members of Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalism fraternity, will visit the Clifton Forge and Covington newspaper plants with a group of Virginia publishers this Thursday.

The publishers are spending this week inspecting newspapers throughout the state. A special invitation to accompany them was tendered to the local chapter of Sigma Delta Chi. The group will join the publishers at the offices of the Covington paper and then lunch together at the hotel. After lunch, the party will go through the Clifton Forge paper. Mr. Lauck of the journalism faculty will be with the group for the entire week.

At the meeting the club voted to give a cash prize to the member making the best report on some phase of journalism which personally interests him, the winning report to be selected by the club as a whole. A committee was appointed to weigh the possibilities of the club giving an annual achievement prize to the student in school doing the most outstanding work in journalism.

### Hospital Notes

Jackson Memorial hospital reports that four boys are confined there with colds at present.

They are James B. Webb, Thomas L. Martin, Ernest Woodward, II, and Robert B. Shreve.

## Orchestra Offer Draws Sharp Retort From Cotillion Club Head

### Rockwell-O'Keefe Attempts To Charge Stephenson \$500 More Than Price Offered VMI For Larry Clinton's Orchestra At Spring Dances

Cotillion club president Steve Stephenson today issued a sharp rebuke to Harry Squiers of Rockwell-O'Keefe orchestra management in a tersely worded telegram over negotiations for a spring dance orchestra following an attempt by Squiers to sell Stephenson the same orchestra VMI is having for their spring hops at a price five hundred dollars less than that offered Stephenson. The band concerned in the talks was Larry Clinton, who is to play at VMI spring hops on April 14 and 15, one week before Washington and Lee dances. In his telegram to Squiers, Stephenson called attention to the proximity of these dates and offered \$1500 for Clinton as a counter offer to the \$3000 proposed by Squiers.

Stephenson said today the offer from Squiers came following initial communications with both Rockwell-O'Keefe and Music Corporation of America for a band for spring set. The president said he had certainly been considering Clinton, but could hardly accept under the conditions which were exposed to him yesterday after a talk with VMI dance officials.

Stephenson said that he was at present dicker with MCA, who cooperated with Cecil Taylor in bringing Hal Kemp here for Fancy Dress. The president expressed the hope that he could pull Kay Kyser out of New York for the set.

The actual message Stephenson dispatched to Squiers today was: "Larry Clinton signed to play VMI for \$2500 week before our dances."



Cotillion club president, Steve Stephenson, who today rebuked Rockwell-O'Keefe agency

While our campuses adjoin, we still have some pride. Second hand music is cheap in Lexington. Might be able to offer \$1500 for Clinton."

## Another Lee Letter Will Soon Become Property Of W-L

Washington and Lee university will soon be presented with another letter written by General Robert E. Lee while president of Washington college, it was announced last week in Waynesboro. The letter was written to Mrs. M. L. Fishburne, mother of James A. Fishburne, who was then a student at Washington college. Fishburne, of Waynesboro, was the founder of Fishburne Military school. The letter was written commending him for his "distinguished industry and success in his studies."

This letter will be placed in the museum with the other letters of General Lee's which he wrote while president of Washington college. The school is building up the section of the museum containing letters written by Lee, and each letter received is always of great benefit. This letter was the property of the late Mrs. Mary Amis Fishburne, widow of the F. M. S. founder. It was bequeathed to benevolent agencies of the Southern Presbyterian church under terms of her will and in turn conveyed to Washington and Lee by the Presbyterian church groups.

Washington and Lee will uphold the negative side of a radio debate Saturday with Hampden-Sydney on the subject: Resolved, that the United States should cease the use of public funds, including credit, for the purpose of stimulating business.

## W-L Profs Not Too Enthusiastic Over Rental Textbook Proposal

By LATHAM THIGPEN

A survey of professorial opinion on the Washington and Lee campus conducted during the last 24 hours revealed that the Washington and Lee faculty are divided on the question of rental textbooks—suggested in a Ring-tum Phi editorial Friday.

A trend, however, was noticed in the fact that the majority of the professors and officials interviewed saw possibilities in the idea of rentals for the academic school during the freshman and sophomore years. The other schools could see little advantage.

Speaking for the group interviewed as a whole, little enthusiasm was shown, either for or against the rental proposal, made in last Friday's Ring-tum Phi.

Not too impressed, Laird Thompson of the University Supply store declared himself willing to cooperate in the plan but cited the fact that to start the ball rolling an original sum of from 10,000 to 15,000 dollars would be needed. "I am definitely in favor of a

## Students' Poems To Be Published

### English Department And W-L Poetry Club Sponsor Booklet

For the first time at Washington and Lee, a Poetry Book, written and published by students of the University, will make its appearance. The booklet, to be sponsored by the English department and the Poetry club, newly-formed organization at W-L, is scheduled to come out by the middle of April.

David Miller, in charge of publication, has received one hundred poems from prospective authors, and from these the best will be selected, with faculty advice, by Poetry club members. If successful the booklet will be published annually.

The poems are to be grouped according to subject, not by author. The purpose of the booklet is to show the types of poems written by students of a cultured school. Variety is to be the aim of the publishers.

Although the deadline for submitting poems was Friday, February 10; Miller will accept contributions during this week. Contributors so far are: Latham Thigpen, Samuel Gholsen, Richard Smith, William Read, Charles Hobson, Luther Bagnal, Ernest Woodward, Gustave Bernd, Robert

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## ODK Plans For Conclave On March 23

### Delegates Expected From Forty Chapters In United States

### Dr. Gaines Named Chairman of W-L Student-Faculty Committee

The Washington and Lee program committee for the Silver Anniversary of Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary leadership society which will convene on the Washington and Lee campus, March 23, 24, 25, to commemorate its twenty-fifth year of existence, met for the first time this afternoon to formulate plans for the nationwide convention.

To this conclave at Washington and Lee, home of the Alpha circle of ODK, will throng delegates from the 40 Omicron Delta Kappa circles of the United States, representing a total of over 8,000 members.

### Speaker To Be Secured

Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, chairman of the W-L committee, told committee members this afternoon that arrangements for securing a speaker for the anniversary program had not been completed.

Members of the Washington and Lee committee include Dr. Gaines, chairman; Frank J. Gilliam, Rupert Latture, and Dr. Larkin Farinholt of the W-L faculty, and Bob Nicholson, Ed Shannon, Charlie Hart, Tom Moses, Cecil Taylor, James Fishel, Steve Stephenson, Jim Rogers, and Fielden Woodward, undergraduates.

A social committee is now functioning, making plans for the convention dance which probably will be held on the evening of March 25th.

### Cooperate With Bishop

Fielden Woodward of the W-L committee is in touch with Dr. Robert W. Bishop of the University of Cincinnati, national secretary of ODK. Chairman of the Silver Anniversary committee is S. Stanton Belfour of the University of Pittsburgh. R. L. Jackson of Davidson college is present president.

As a part of the ceremonies of the Silver Anniversary on the W-L campus a bronze tablet will be erected in Reid hall to the founders of the national honorary society. ODK was founded there in 1914.

## Lauck Appointed Judge In Newspaper Contest

In the February "News Bulletin" of the National Graphic Arts Education Guild is announced the first annual national competition to promote better printed high school newspapers. C. Harold Lauck, head of the Washington and Lee print shop, was named on the committee of judges for the competition.

The contest is sponsored by the Columbia University Scholastic Press association in cooperation with the Guild. This is the first national event of its type, and its results will be announced March 9-11 at Columbia university.

Classifications of papers entering the contest are grouped under the heads of senior and junior high school general classifications, schools of education division, and the special vocational, technical, and agricultural high schools and evening high school group.

The awards, although not yet decided upon, will be provided by the American Type Founders, Inc.

Along with Lauck on the judging committee are Harry L. Gage, vice-president, Mergenthaler Linotype company, chairman; Allan Robinson, principal of the Otmar Mergenthaler school of printing of Baltimore and Ralph W. Polk, supervisor of printing instruction, Detroit public schools.

### Baseball Managers

Allen Snyder, senior manager of baseball, announced today that sophomore candidates for baseball managers should report to the gymnasium tomorrow afternoon at 2:30.

Snyder also announced the beginning of varsity baseball practice and urged all candidates for the team to report on the athletic field.

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## QUESTIONS ON THE SURVEY

Since the opening report of The Ring-tum Phi poll of student opinion on the departments of the University we have had several questions asked us which it would seem advisable to answer.

First, the sampling is made from twelve to twenty men on all grade levels. At least half of the men must have taken the course during the past year. The others are sought for information on the course as basis for advanced work.

Secondly, before presenting any report we attempt to analyze the facilities each department has at hand and the difficulties it must cope with beyond its own immediate control.

Thirdly, with this issue we will be able to get down to an actual course analysis, which was impossible in the accounting department or in the ancient languages department.

The gracious acceptance of the first survey and the willing cooperation of the students in objectively presenting their opinion on their courses of study is indicative that the survey will be successful in helping all to achieve a higher and more expansive scholastic standard.

## FLYNN ON SOCIAL SECURITY

Somewhat more than a week ago we had occasion to comment on the Social Security Act as it affects undergraduates or others employed by educational institutions or organizations within these institutions. Almost simultaneously came word that our own Doctor Gaines was to be chairman of a committee to consider the question of social security for professors in colleges.

At that time we stated that we would sympathize with a movement to exempt undergraduate employees from the Old Age Pensions Law from college undergraduates. Most students will get tied up with the red tape of social security soon enough without burdening themselves in college. We also stated that we favored social security for hired outside employees of fraternities as a protection for these people in their old age.

During the past week we have had further occasion to consider the prospects of the social security legislation in relation to educational institutions. Giving unemployment and old age insurance to faculty members sounds rather strange to most ears; but that would be the net result of fully extending the act to colleges. As a matter of principle we can see no reason why college professors should be kept outside of this protection. As a matter of practice, we are more or less prone to doubt the wisdom of milking college professors of money for a future retirement at a few dollars a week, which they would not accept.

Another item on social security which we cannot avoid considering is the question of the so-called reserve. This is excellently discussed by John Flynn in the February issue of Harper's Magazine and calls attention to what he terms

"the Social Security Reserve Swindle." Convincingly he outlines the method of the social security legislation in creating a "fictitious reserve" of some 47 billions of dollars to be used in liquidating the other expenses of government and eventually necessitating a double tax in addition to the heavy burden of today. As a substitute Flynn proposes that Congress reduce the amount of the social security tax to cover only necessary expenses.

The points in Flynn's proposal are significant and evident. They cast additional light on this question of social security. They will make all men—even those who favor social security—think twice before actively admitting themselves under the terms of the present legislation.

## MARRIAGE RELATIONS

For some time we have watched the growing interest among members of the faculty and the student body for information on marriage. This interest was expressly revealed by the lectures and informal discussions of Mrs. Morgan here last fall.

Through some means we believe the University should provide an effort to satisfy this interest of the students about one of the most important and realistic functions of their life after college. That this should be a scheduled and graded course would be unnecessary; but some planned series of lectures over a period of weeks, for which men would especially register seems feasible with the understanding of course that no credit was involved except the knowledge they got out of the lectures.

A course of this latter nature is presented at Sarah Lawrence college in Bronxville, New York. The course includes separate lectures on Preparing for Marriage; three lectures on the Biology of Growth and Reproduction; Prenatal Care, Labor and Delivery; Cultural Differences in Sex and Marriage; Emotional Development and Marriages; and What Men Look for in Marriage.

This series of lectures is presented in eight consecutive weeks by members of the faculty of the college and of the medical profession. The young women register for the course in advance.

Last spring The Ring-tum Phi had occasion to advise a similar program of lectures for Washington and Lee. Certainly we have members of the faculty who could present the separate aspects of the course as they relate to these men's special field of interest. The students without question desire some such opportunity for intelligently informing themselves of problems which they must meet and solve only a few years off. Progress in the educational outlook at Washington and Lee could be well demonstrated by cooperation of the faculty and administration in offering a marriage relations course for the students.

## THE FORUM

### Freedom of Speech

Norman Thomas, frequently the storm center in freedom of speech controversies, has been rebuffed by the Lehigh administration. President C. C. Williams has declared that, although he is willing to have Mr. Thomas lecture here, he would not consent to spending University money for that purpose.

So, when the faculty lecture committee, heeding the president's word, refused funds to the International Relations club, the Concert-Lecture Series committee stepped in.

This stand is inconsistent. The faculty committee was set up to allot funds to organizations wishing to sponsor lecturers. In this capacity it should have accepted Norman Thomas, who is neither a soap-box orator nor a crack-pot. Both the president and the committee should have had enough faith in the strength of American democracy, and in the intelligence of Lehigh students, to sanction a move to further freedom of speech.

To brand such a sane attitude "Red" is absurd. To say that Mr. Thomas is going to presage a steady stream of radical propaganda is ridiculous. Lehigh will remain predominately conservative, but it will have shown itself willing to listen to the views of others.—Lehigh Brown and White.

## Personal OPINIONS

There use to be an old saying about playing in your own back yard which was hammered into us in grammar school; but as we grew up these lessons became paradoxical, for we were advised to go out and see how the other half lived. And so, with Fancy Dress still potent in our memory, we decided to look into these much ballyhoo'd Cavalier dances over in Charlottesville.

It is not fitting and proper at this point in the report to state that Tommy Dorsey's music is the finest that has ever caressed these cauliflower ears, and it seems impossible to exaggerate his admirable performance. He played well, loud and continuously, featuring at one time or another every department of his organization.

The dance was held in the Virginia gymnasium, which is large and spacious, and one is always able to find an open corner to try out some of the latest knee-cracking dance steps. But like most gyms, its rough, athletic appearance is not particularly conducive to that sublime, romantic atmosphere so important to a dance. It was obvious that the dance board had put their money into the orchestra and allowed the gym to be decorated with the left-overs; which, so we are told, when you have Tommy Dorsey, is not likely to be very much. In short, the decorations were haphazardly slapped upon the ceiling and walls, and failed to disguise the masculinity of the gymnasium. This may seem unimportant to many dance lovers, but when you have not got them, you realize how important decorations are.

Much to our amazement the dance was informal, with many of the girls wearing saddle shoes and the boys bedecked in sports clothes. Upon questioning a member of the dance committee, we were informed that at Virginia the last dance is always informal. Informality is fine for a fraternity party or house dance, but at a school dance it seems to us dress clothes are in order.

Probably the most novel feature of the arrangements was a semi-circle of chairs placed in front of the bandstand, and we noticed these places were filled to capacity throughout the entire dance. Nearly half of those present gathered in this semi-circle watching the maneuvers of the orchestra, and it seemed that those lonely dancing couples were rugged individualists. It is certainly entertaining to watch a band play, but it is ludicrous to turn a dance into a floor show with nearly everyone gathered in an overflowing huddle before the bandstand, and just a few making a pretense of dancing.

Our genial informer told us the orchestra had given a "breath taking concert" in place of the usual tea dance, and this idea we pass on to the dance board to take or to leave. We were not there, so we cannot vouch as to the success of the concert; but judging from our notes, it was received favorably by nearly everyone.

We fully realize how easy it is to criticize someone else's party, but after hearing about the superiority of the Cavalier dances for three years, we feel justified in expressing our disappointment at what we saw there. Of course, it is possible we struck a bad dance, but our dance committee friend assured us that all Virginia dances were as "good" as this one.

Some students at Washington and Lee have argued that the dance board spends too much money for decorations, and would prefer to cut these appropriations in favor of spending more for a big name band. It is to this group that we extend the challenge to attend a dance where the budget for decorations has been limited, and then compare the net results with the artistic and lavish decorations of Fancy Dress. Of course, there are some swing addicts who would be content to dance in a barn as long as "Stuff" Stiff was blowing his brains out on a trumpet; but we can safely say the majority of the students of Washington and Lee believe that the formality, glamor, and beauty of our dances should be preserved.

Next week-end a considerable portion of the student body will travel to Charlottesville for the Washington and Lee - Virginia game, and they will be the recipients of some raving reports of the Virginia mid-winter dances. Take it all like a duck takes water on its back, and remember that Fancy Dress is still the "foremost college social event" in the south. So children, play in your own back yard, and your neighbor's apples are not as red as they look.

P. S.—

We came,  
We saw,  
We envy  
No more.

HAMILTON HERTZ.

## Campus Comment

By TOM MOSES

Jones . . . There is something about knowing that the past still lingers in spite of the onslaught of new ideas and progress that seems to bring on into a kinship with those people who are willing to carry the banner for customs and ideas that are long forgotten. Somehow we had fallen into the error of thinking that the rah rah era in college was finished, but we find the boys from the Red Ace, Shreve, Morris, Boyce, and Coffield live today as hearty exponents of the Raccoon coat age.

We ask you to witness two convertible sedans, a sun lamp for that school boy complexion fry, a wide open apartment, clothes in keeping with the best Princeton tradition (high pants, argyle socks, thick soled shoes, and odd jackets), and a devil-may-care, high-ho attitude toward the girls.

Although we really aren't qualified to see it is a safe prediction that next fall may see the hats turned up all the way around, sweat shirts and car corduroys, and maybe the revival of the old coon skin coat.

### Hi Ho You Know Who . . .

Our far western correspondent tells us that Lone Ranger Lykes is being called "Sluggo" not because of any particular aptitude with his fists, although we will not antagonize him to the point of making him prove it. There is something about a Washington hotel, Tom Bradley, Ragon, Stewart Hunt, and a girl that gives a point to this story but because it is not consistent with our best interests it will remain pointless.

### This'll Be Hot . . .

The Ring-tum Phi's poll and critique of the departments at school are apt to cause a great deal of uneasiness among the higher minds of the faculty. We learn today that the students may have cause for a bit of uneasiness some time in March when there will be a faculty-edited edition. The board of strategy for such a paper will be best composed of the Dutch Inn eating club who seem to have an inside track on all the information any way.

While the subject is up for discussion Campus Comment presents its biting, candid evaluation of the departments as follows:

Psychology. . . . Great. Wonderful personnel with terrific subject matter. Slightly over-manned, but the cumbersome organization brilliantly directed by Dr. Hinton and Flick.

Political Science. . . . Wonderful. International Law is odds on the best course.

History. . . . Stupendous. Constitutional History under Dr. Helderman makes us wonder why Roosevelt need look further for Brandeis' successor.

Public Speaking. . . . The most practical course ever offered. Mr. Jackson is in a class by himself (especially that early one on Monday morning)

(Oh, well, good grades are good grade,s who the hell cares how you get them.)

### Hell From Hell Week . . .

Then there is always that old hell week story about the ATO freshman who went down to the Phi Delt House, ate dinner uninvited, finished his meal, licked his chops, and announced, "This meal was lousy." It's funny how the truth pops out from the most unsuspected sources.

### From Private Lives . . .

There is a great deal of reason to believe that there was a faculty member doing a little courting over at Randolph-Macon last Sunday. . . . When his identity is established we will print an extra. . . . Headlines—"I had to work my way through college," says Professor Blank—Blames Privations of Youth for Thwarted Love Life. . . . Brown and Weidmann postponed a trip to New York one day so they wouldn't miss the Virginia Symphony. . . . Jack Watson is in quest of a ride to Chapel Hill, and we feel sure that some kind soul will give Jack a good riding. . . . Has anyone seen the picture of Clark Gable and Norma Shearer in the new Movie Mirror? The photo is most amazing. . . . The rules for the Sweet Briar mid-winter dances reached this corner the other day. The chief restriction is that "no girl may have more than two gentlemen guests." This bit we turn over to the department of over-estimation. . . . We extend our most cordial greetings to our new neighbor, now doing the stint for Personal Opinions, and wish him the best of luck in the grind. He is about the fourth columnist to try his hand at opinionating this year. They certainly kill them off fast over there . . . so hail and farewell, Mr. Hertz.

## The Governor Says

Some two years ago the fraternities made a solemn compact to abolish hell week. It worked. Now it's merely confined within the houses.

Now that the basketball team is on a momentary tailspin, maybe the harpies will begin to pick on Cy Young. Or maybe he will begin to patch up the weak spots.

The poll of student opinion said that Howard gets fidgety under student fire. This was only half the truth. For the rest of it, it did all right. After all you can't pick on a man when he's down.

It's almost time for the political big-wigs to start their sinister workings. If we had any money, we'd bet it on Sexy-texy Taylor for president.

The comment is that some professor proposed a pink and blue ribboned box for stork-conscious faculty members at the recent dance set. We didn't see the ribbons but we always liked the number three.

## First Semester Dean's List

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## Letters to the Editor

(All contributions to this column should be limited to 150 to 200 words. No anonymous letters can be accepted, although writers may remain anonymous if they wish. All correspondence should be addressed care of Letters to the Editor, The Ring-tum Phi.)

### The Mahan Awards

Dear Sir: Thank you for the space you recently gave in the college paper to the explanation of the Mahan awards and for the discussion of these awards on your editorial page.

In the editorial you call attention to one of the conditions attached to the freshman and sophomore awards, which states that each instructor in the English courses mentioned will take the best set of papers from his section of English and turn them over to a committee for final judgment. You mentioned the possibility that the same instructor might have the two best sets of papers of all those submitted, and that handing in only one set for final judgment might open the way to an inferior man from some other section received one of the awards. Your criticism is entirely to the point.

The English instructors some time ago proposed to carry out the provision in such a way as to avoid the possibility that you suggest. The instructor is at liberty to select two or more sets of papers

from his section if he feels that they are good enough. Then before any papers go to the committee, each English instructor will read over all entries submitted, and by a process of elimination an attempt will be made to boil the entries down to an average of about one per instructor. The instructors thus take the statement to mean that when the papers finally reach the committee on awards, there should be about as many individual entries as there are English instructors, although it is possible for two entries to come from the same section of the course.

In order to avoid having to make too involved and complex an explanation of what happens between the time the instructor gets the papers and the time the committee on final awards gets them, it was thought better to let the statement stand as it was made and modify it in practice to accomplish the purpose you suggest. Perhaps it will be better in the future, in the published conditions, to bring the statement more in line with what is actually being done.

J. S. MOFFATT, JR.

## ... Student Opinion Poll ...

Reveals College Students Still Theoretically Opposed To Fighting In War Other Than For Defense of Nation

By JOE HELDEN, Editor  
Student Opinion Surveys of America

Austin, Texas, February 14.—If the nation went to war today for other reasons than the defense of the country, the United States government would find less than two ready volunteers out of every ten college men.

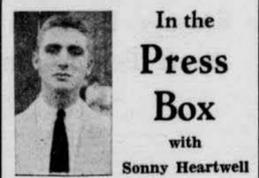
A poll just conducted by the Student Opinion Surveys of America among the male collegians of the nation reveals that although they are willing to defend their country, it will take several good reasons to make them volunteer for some other form of warfare. The Survey does not attempt, of course, to predict how many would actually enlist under future circumstances, for it is possible that many would act like a student interviewed in one of the West Central states who declared, "I might say now that I won't volunteer, but when the time comes perhaps I'll go anyway. It will depend on the propaganda."

However, the poll indicated clearly that students are not at present in any mood to have the United States dipping into the European or Far Eastern war pots. Representative portions of the nation's student bodies, excluding women, were interviewed with this question: "If the United States went to war for other reasons than the defense of the country, would you volunteer?"

Those who said they would amount to 19.5 per cent; no,

80.3 per cent. Most of those who are willing to fight had reasons for their answers. Mentioned the greatest number of times were "to perpetuate democracy," and "to make the Monroe Doctrine respected." A good number also mentioned that they were in the R. O. T. C. or the National Guard and would have to enlist. "To stop Fascism," "to help England or France," "to protect American property abroad," "to keep the balance of power"—those are other reasons. And there were those who would join any conflict, like the Dartmouth sophomore who declared, "I'd follow the U. S. anywhere—my country right or wrong." Opinions from students on the opposite side ran from mild comments on the foolishness of war to emphatic statements such as a Texas student's "I'd rather sit in jail than fight in any war."

By sections, the affirmative vote was like this:  
Far Western—31.7 per cent.  
Southern—21.5 per cent.  
Middle Atlantic—17.4 per cent.  
New England—15.4 per cent.  
The effect of the proximity of Europe to the Eastern states is shown not only by this Survey represented in the above tabulation, but also by another recent poll in which the different sections favored rearmament in almost identical order.



In the Press Box with Sonny Heartwell

# Comets Lose to Terps; Meet Spiders Tonight In Crucial Cage Clash

## Cagers Drop To 7th Place In SC Rating

### Record Shows Three Wins And Three Losses In S. C. Games

The Southern conference "big putch" for Washington and Lee's Blue Comets begins tonight at eight o'clock when they tangle with the fast-rising Spiders of the University of Richmond in Doremus gymnasium.

With but five more league games on the Blue and White card and their record showing three wins and three losses and a three-way tie for seventh place, this evening's encounter represents a crucial test for the Generals in their race for a tournament bid to Raleigh next month.

Two successive conference defeats suffered by the Blue Comets at the hands of Wake Forest's loop-leading Deacons and Maryland have dropped the W-L courtmen to a comfortable No. 3 slot to the shaky next-to-the-cellar position for tournament bidding they now occupy.

On Thursday night the Comets engage Duke here in the second of the all-important final five games, William and Mary, Virginia Tech, and Richmond again, all on foreign courts, wind up the Generals' league schedule.

W. and L.	Richmond
Pinck . . . . . f . . . . .	Humbert
Gary . . . . . c . . . . .	Spears
Dobbins . . . . . g . . . . .	Burge
Thompson . . . . . r . . . . .	Hoskins
Stein . . . . . l . . . . .	Ely

"Cy" Young, Comet coach, appeared worried about tonight's game and the situation in general. "The game's a good toss-up, and as for a bid to Raleigh, we'll have to take at least three of these five games—maybe four," Young said.

The General coach commended the work of the team in Saturday night's play, praising especially their defensive work. W-L bowed to Maryland 39-37 on a field goal in the last fifteen seconds after leading for the entire game.

Richmond, after a slow start in their schedule, have been coming up well in recent games and have a conference record of three games won to two lost. Their victories were over Maryland, VPI and William and Mary.

In downing the Indians last week the Spiders were minus the services of their two regular guards, Stuart Hoskins and Jimmie Ely, but both men are expected in the line-up against the Generals tonight.

W-L's line-up is intact since the Terrapin encounter, and with the addition of Ed Cuttino, first-string forward on last year's undefeated freshman five, the Blue Comets will probably be at full strength.

The varsity contest will be preceded by a game between the Blue and White freshmen and Fork Union, set to begin at 7:00 p. m.

For All-State and Conference mythical fives, on the All-Conference, Waller, Wake Forest, and Pinck, W-L, forwards; MacFadden, Clemson, center; Knepley, Maryland, and Sweel, Wake Forest, guards. Second teams: Price, Duke, and Convery, Wake Forest, forwards; Glamack, Carolina, center; Thompson, W-L, and Taffee, W-M, guards.

All-State: Rice, Roanoke, and Pinck, W-L, forwards; Sheffield, Roanoke, center; Thompson, W-L, and Lieb, Roanoke, guards. Second team: Feldman, Virginia, and Studebaker, Roanoke, forwards;

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## Ed Johnson's Last Second Tally Gives Maryland 39-37 Victory

Washington and Lee's Blue Comets lost a heartbreaking 39-37 decision to Maryland last Saturday night in College Park in the last 15 seconds of play. Picture the set-up: The huge clock showing only 15 seconds remaining in the game, Maryland having just tied the score for the third time in the last minute and the huge crowd near hysteria.

Statistics			
Player	G.	F.	T.
Maryland			
Ochenreiter, f . . . . .	0	0	0
DeWitt, f . . . . .	4	2	10
Shaeffer, f . . . . .	0	0	0
Johnson, c . . . . .	4	1	9
Knepley, g . . . . .	5	0	10
Benochea, g . . . . .	1	1	3
Mondorff, g . . . . .	1	0	2
Rea, g . . . . .	2	1	5
Totals . . . . .	17	5	39
W. and L.			
Player	G.	F.	T.
Pinck, f . . . . .	6	0	12
Gary, f . . . . .	6	0	12
Cuttino, f . . . . .	1	0	2
Dobbins, c . . . . .	2	0	4
Thompson, g . . . . .	3	1	7
Stein, g . . . . .	0	0	0
Park, g . . . . .	0	0	0
Totals . . . . .	18	1	37

## Delts Top LXA By 34-16 Count

### Pi Phi, Kappa Alpha And SAE Win In I-M Basketball

Delta Tau Delta successfully began the defense of her intramural title last night by turning back the Lambda Chi five in an impressive fashion. Funk led the winners in their 34-16 triumph with 17 points. Smither was high scorer for the losers with 10 points. The Delts started Nielsen, Heartwell, Funk, Ford, and Wysong. For Lambda Chi, Smither, Palermo, Steele, Stombach, and Hart started.

Hanasik Is High Scorer  
In one of the closest games yet played in the tournament Pi Phi defeated a stubborn Kappa Sigma team last night 25-22. Pi Phi had received byes in the first two rounds and advanced to the third round in this victory. Scott was high point man for the losers, scoring 6 points. Hanasik hit the meshes for 11 points to secure high scoring honors for the winners. Kappa Sigma started Sloan, Hill, Scott, Herndon, and Morgan. For Pi Phi, McCausland, Myers, Nastro, Hanasik, and Jones started.

Kappa Alpha, after receiving byes in the first two rounds, went into the third round with a 65-5 victory over SPE.

SPE started Krieger, Haines, Lawrence, Watts, and Ferrell. For KA Gwyn, Powers, Nelson, Robertson, and McKenzie were in the starting line-up. Robertson was the most impressive scorer on the court. He made his tosses good for 26 of his team's points.

In a much slower game SAE turned back the DU combine 16-9. In the DU starting line-up were Lawler, Hatch, Russell, Johnson.

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## Freshmen Lose Lopsided Fray To Greenbrier

### Lambert, Ball-handling Ace, Leads Soldiers To 47-18 Win

Washington and Lee's frosh cagemen cracked in their defensive play before the onslaught of a more experienced quintet from Greenbrier Military academy last night to give the visitors a 47-18 victory.

Led by the effective passing of Captain Ed Lambert and the sharp-shooting of lanky Jim Hamilton, the Green and White took an early command of the game, and their lead was never threatened.

Not only did the Brigadiers experience a great deal of trouble in working the ball into scoring position, but once in Greenbrier territory, they failed to find the basket.

Lambert Stars  
There was no stopping the Greenbrier quintet in their relentless attack. It was this same Lambert, who led Greenbrier into the semi-finals of Washington and Lee's annual Southern Interscholastic basketball tourney last season, that gave the frosh another lesson in the art of handling the ball. Without the excellent passing that Lambert has displayed during every appearance on the local hardwood, the Green and White offensive would not have been nearly so effective.

Hamilton, Greenbrier guard, took high scoring honors for the evening with 12 points. Lambert followed with 7 markers.

Coach Bill Ellis stated that he would use his usual starting five tomorrow night when the Little Generals attempt to break back into the "win" column when they face a crack cage quintet from Fork Union Military academy.

From the splendid record that the visitors boast, it appears as though the Brigadiers will be in for another evening of rough sailing. Game time has been set at 7:00 p. m. at the Doremus gymnasium.

## Football Practice Begins With Large Squad On Hand

Spring football got under way yesterday when more than two full teams of varsity prospects answered Coach Tex Tilson's call, donning uniforms for the seven weeks practice session.

Workouts for the first few days will be light, but as soon as the gridders have been whipped into shape, they will begin work on fundamentals and will have frequent scrimmages. Their only inter-squad scrimmages, those against VMI, will be held behind closed doors.

The opening of the February and March season yesterday marked the beginning of Riley Smith's coaching in the Big Blue backfield. The former all-American from Alabama is now a regular member of the staff and will be at work for the full practice period.

Although the squad is rather small at the present time, it will be enlarged at the end of this month when the basketball and wrestling schedules are completed.

Only one of last fall's varsity lettermen, tackle Kelley Litteral, was caught by the automatic rule. However, two promising freshman backs, Charley Van Dyke and Bob Worthington, left school at the end of the first semester.

## Wrestlers Face State In Conference Meet

### Twenty-Five Games Played In I-M Handball Tourney

The intramural handball tournament continued in the second round of competition last week as some 25 matches were played.

Several outstanding performances were recorded, with such favorites as Charlie Gilmore, Phi Psi, and Ayers, Beta, winning easily from their opponents.

This week a number of matches are scheduled, and by Saturday the tournament should be in the third round of play. The following men won their matches last week: E. Shannon, Beta; Semple, Phi Psi; Faulk, DU; Gilmore, Phi Psi; Smith, SAE; Steinhoff, Pi Phi; Wilson, Beta; Nastro, Pi Phi; Wickerham, DU; Stephenson, Phi Kap; Himes, Phi Psi; Powers, KA; Ayers, Beta; Harper, Phi Delta; Friedburg, ZBT; and Morgan, Beta.

### Victory May Mean Loop Title For Undefeated W-L Matmen

Coach Mathis Will Start Same Team That Beat Northwestern

Washington and Lee's high-soaring wrestling team will make a further bid for Southern conference championship recognition tomorrow night when they invade Raleigh, North Carolina, for a date with the North Carolina State matmen.

On the basis of their record to date, the Generals have as good a claim to the conference crown as any other outfit in the loop and a win tomorrow night will practically cement this assertion.

Grapplers Undefeated  
The Tarheels have to their credit wins over Virginia Tech, Davidson, and Duke university. Washington and Lee, while remaining undefeated in three dual meets, has downed North Carolina university, the Richmond YMCA, and Northwestern. And to top this record off with a win tomorrow night should mean the sending of Archie Mathis' crew of bone-crushers into the forefront of the conference race. The crown will rest with the team gaining the best record in dual meets this year, as there will be no elimination tournament.

Pleased as Papa Dionne, Coach Archie Mathis is contemplating no changes in the smooth-functioning club which took the mat against Northwestern. E. Wagg, the able and promising sophomore 145-pounder, who has been out for several weeks, with an injured knee, will be ready for action, but it is doubtful if he will replace Jack Broome, who gave such a commendable account of himself during Wagg's absence. The only other understudy with a chance of breaking into the line-up is Von Kalinowski, a 155-pound boy, but

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## Big Blue Gunners Prepare for Two Meets This Week

Although the Washington and Lee team has not yet crashed the win column, the Big Blue gunners have been practicing diligently for two important matches this week against Brooklyn college and the Amateur Rod and Gun club of New Jersey.

Under the direction of Coach Ewing, the team has produced some fine marksmen. These include Captain John Goodin, Frank Glenn, Morry Spitz, Jack Perry, Monty Horn, Al DeLong, and George Vanta, Vanta, secretary of the W-L club, recently broke the range record for firing in a kneeling position with a score of 94x 100.

The Musketeers have placed Yale, Wisconsin, VPI, and Harvard on their schedule.

Vanta reports that the freshman rifle squad is showing great possibilities. The Brigadier gunners are working hard in preparation for their match with Maryland freshmen. Some of the outstanding members of the team are Jack Reeves, John Vanta, Tom Garten, and Bob Loeb.

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# Students Here May Receive Ship Training

## American Nautical Academy Offers W-L Students Experience

The American Nautical academy, national training school for Merchant Marine officers, Washington, D. C., announced today that students at Washington and Lee not over 21 years of age will be allowed to secure practical ship experience on board a training ship of the academy within the period from June 1 to October 1, 1939.

Dr. M. O. Phillips, W-L professor of economics, said that students who expected to enter the field of foreign trade would benefit greatly by this supplementary training aboard ship.

The young men may remain on board ship for the entire period, or for any shorter time they may wish, but not for less than a month. Students who enter for any period less than the full course will receive instruction only in those subjects being taught while the student is on board ship.

The purpose of the course is: First, as a foundation for those who wish to become officers in the Merchant Marine, and devote their lives to a career in the service; secondly, for those boys and young men who, though not desirous of following the sea, still wish to obtain a general knowledge of ships, and the life afloat.

There is no charge for instruction nor for living quarters on board ship. The only required expense is for meals, which is 49 cents. Three meals are served daily.

There is no tuition charge for any of the courses offered by the academy; and no obligation for future merchant marine, military or naval service of any kind is incurred by the young men.

The school ship to which the young men will be assigned is the training ship "Marsala," a vessel of 2422 tons, 284 feet long, 45 feet breadth, and built in 1919-20.

On Sundays the cadets will be allowed to attend divine services at the churches of their respective denominations on shore. While on board ship cadets will receive free minor first aid treatment when necessary.

This is the tenth annual summer course offered by the academy, and will be under the personal supervision of the captain commandant of the academy who will be in command of the vessel.

While on board ship the students will follow the regular daily ship routine, and will be given practical instruction in nautical subjects, including seamanship (ship's work), signaling, rowing, handling, and the use of motor boats, pulling boats, life-saving, and naval drills. Many of the duties on board ship are performed by the cadets as part of their training. They will also receive instruction in the use of life buoys, first aid, the compass, log, lead, ground tackle, and the duties of lookouts, as well as the duties of the watch on deck.



# John Barrymore Will Perform In 'Great Man Votes' at State

By HAROLD GADDY

"The Great Man Votes" at the State theatre on Thursday. It's another film by the man who produced "A Man to Remember" and it very definitely ranks on a par with the latter film.

"The Great Man Votes" concerns itself with a self-made failure, played by John Barrymore, an old, broken-down Harvard professor. After the death of his wife, he turns to drink and inertia, yet still remains a hero to his two lively children, Peter Holden and Virginia Weidler. By a strange quirk of fate and ward politics, this picturesque bum becomes of prime importance in a municipal election, and thereafter he begins to regain his self-respect and elevate himself to a position of prestige and confidence.

"The Great Man Votes" is full of comedy, tears, pathos, and warm, perceptive humor.

"Stand Up and Fight" rages in the State on Friday and Saturday. It's another film which represents the determined efforts of Hollywood producers to make a he-man out of Robert Taylor, and this show packs enough virility and tough guys, including Wallace Berry and Barton MacLane, to

# Symphony Concert Highlighted By McMurrin And W-L Swing

By ALVIN FLEISHMAN

Causing an outbreak of enthusiasm upon the rendition of a symphonic version of the Washington and Lee "Swing," Dr. Laird Waller, conductor of the Virginia symphony orchestra, directed to a climax the second concert in the series of three under the auspices of the Lexington philharmonic society last night in the Lexington high school auditorium.

After being presented to the large audience by Professor F. S. Walls, president of the society, Dr. Waller and the orchestra began the concert with Overture to "Rosamunde" by Schubert. This number was characterized by an unbounded variety of melodic string expression broken only by occasional wistful notes from the woodwind section.

The second selection was "Madrigale for Strings," a composition of Professor J. A. Graham, written originally for the Madrigal club of Lexington. The music was marked by a variation from one voice to another, as in the original voice part.

The highlight of the evening, however, came immediately before intermission when Mr. Carey McMurrin, concert pianist, played the brilliant "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra" by Grieg. Mr. McMurrin was called for an encore upon completion. He then rendered a selection from Debussy.

After intermission, the Washington and Lee Glee club, under the direction of Professor J. G. Varner, sang "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach, with the orchestra in accompaniment, and were called back for an encore.

Running into a lighter vein, the orchestra played Rimsky-Korsakov's "Suit from the Golden Cockerel." The suite is taken from the music of the opera and contained all the wealth of Oriental melody.

A sad mood was taken by the orchestra as the beautiful "Valse Triste" of Sibelius was interpreted. This waltz of sadness forms part of the music of Sibelius embodying the ideas of tragedy and horror.

The powerful "Finlandia" by Sibelius completed the symphonic score for the evening. This great tone poem was written by the composer as a patriotic duty. It was greatly expressive of the pa-

triotic spirit of the silent, unsmiling people of Finland.

The orchestra then closed the concert with a symphonic rendition of the "Swing," going from symphony to swing and back to symphony. The ovation after this number was great; and with the encore, the Washington and Lee Glee club joined the orchestra, singing the three choruses.

This concert was a part of the Federal Music Project of the Works Progress Administration under the direction of Dr. Nikolai Sokoloff.

The last concert in the series will be given on March 18.

"Overland Stage Raiders" plays at the Lyric on Friday and Saturday. It's a western which is above the average of the usual Saturday thriller, and features John Wayne, Ray Corrigan, and Max Terbone.

# Rules on Dance At Sweet Briar Restrict Escorts

## Regulations Prohibit Girls From Having More Than Two Dates

Sweet Briar, Va.—In connection with the Mid-Winter dances, Sweet Briar college has published its rules governing conduct at these dances. Included in the regulations are provisions stating: "No girl may have more than two escorts; every girl is responsible for her own escorts; the complete cooperation of every girl is requested; there is to be no sitting in cars."

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. Franklin Paschal, dean of the Vanderbilt Junior college, recently introduced an innovation in the question of freshman advisers. From now on, fortunate freshmen at Vandy will be allowed to choose their own advisers from the Student Advisory committee.

Bronxville, N. Y.—The students of Sarah Lawrence college have been presented with a rare opportunity, beginning February 10. They will have offered to them a practical course of eight weeks on "Marriage and the Family."

College Park, Maryland.—The cooperative movement has reached well into the ranks of American collegians as the University of Maryland student body, in a campus poll, showed themselves to be overwhelmingly in favor of a student cooperative store. These stores are now successfully carried on at George Washington university and at the University of North Carolina.

The cooperative store as operated in most colleges today is conducted by students, with annual dividends given as profits are shared. These stores handle not only books and school equipment, but also clothes, providing jobs for students and resulting in substantial reductions in prices.

Auburn, Alabama.—The students of the Alabama Polytechnic institute were greatly aroused when the state legislature introduced a bill to prohibit hitch-hiking. However, the Auburn Plainsman, school organ, assures frightened Auburnites that the bill has been shelved permanently.

In keeping with their love of hitch-hiking, a small notice informs the readers: "If the student who rode with me from Birmingham to Montgomery will describe the coat he left in my car, I will be glad to send it to him."

# Wolfpack Meets Matmen

Continued from page three so far Charley Bowles has a definite edge over the Von, and is dead certain to start against N. C. State. General stock was given a boost yesterday when it was learned that Harry Crane, regular 121-pounder, who was forced to forfeit to Northwestern because of a cold, will be ready to go on the firing line against the Carolinians.

The frosh matmen, after losing the first freshman match that W-L has lost in 11 years, will attempt to redeem themselves Friday when they journey to Orange, Virginia, for a joust with the Woodberry Forest wrestlers. The only change in the yearling starting combination will be the insertion of Palmer into the 128-pound slot, formerly occupied by Jimmy Weber.

IN THE PRESS BOX Continued from page three Dobbins, W-L, center; Taffee, W-M, and Wagner, Roanoke, guards. Recent Alumni . . . Ray Craft, who was a valuable cog on the 1938 football team, is passing through instead of pigskins in a Richmond bakery. . . . Kit Carson, last year's co-captain in basketball, is playing pro-ball with the Heurich Brewers in Washington. . . . Bob Spessard, elongated center on the basketball team for three years (1935-38), is assistant director of the YMCA in Sumter, South Carolina. . . . Norm Iler, considered by some the greatest basketball player ever to graduate from W-L (1936), is in the wholesale grocery business in Louisville and is also playing semi-pro basketball and baseball. . . .

Chips Off the Old Block . . . Several alumni who won fame on the athletic field have sons at W-L today. . . . W. J. R. Dunn was on the General crew in 1907 and has a son, Billy Dunn, now in the junior class. . . . W. F. Pipes was on the football team in 1907 and is now in real estate business. Fort Pipes is following in his father's footsteps on the gridiron and has added ping-pong to his list of athletic accomplishments. . . . J. J. Davis' father was on a powerful football team of 1891 and at the present is a prominent attorney in Louisville, Kentucky. . . . Dr. T. K. Helm of Louisville was a member of the Albert Sydney crew in 1892 and his son, T. K., Jr., is a junior in school at the present.

# Biology Students Not Satisfied With Hoyt Methods, Poll Shows

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were held to need better organization throughout. The few students who are taking or took these courses said that the department really needs more equipment to properly present them.

"The chemistry department is the best thing at Washington and Lee—well at least it's the hardest." This was the comment of occasional or regular students of the department, who except for minor recommendations found the courses adequate, the teaching good, and the equipment sufficient. Most frequent recommendations for change was the elimination of sophomore cultural courses.

General Inorganic Chemistry as taught by Dr. Farinhardt was held good preparation for advanced work. Some students suggested that the teaching might be somewhat improved if the professor could expand on the content of the book. They said this while commenting that both Dr. Farinhardt and laboratory assistant Taylor presented the material of the course very clearly. Surprisingly students asked that more material be included in the course. A few suggested combining the Development of Chemical Thought—one of the cultural courses—with it.

Chemistry 151 and Chemistry 152 cover the first advanced work in chemistry in quantitative and qualitative analysis. They are taught by Doctor Desha. Opinion from honor students through the marginal group said the course was well organized and presented and the laboratory work well synchronized with class work.

Cultural courses in Chemistry 157 and 158 received a few blasts—not as to teaching but as to their place in the curriculum. The recommendation to include the development of chemical thought in elementary course has already been noted. Students of Industrial Chemistry were almost unanimously of the opinion that this really should be an advanced course for men through organic or physical chemistry and that it would be useful to these men if they planned to enter chemistry after graduation.

The next major course in the department is Organic Chemistry taught by Doctor Desha. Both this and the advanced Organic Chemistry were generally upheld as two of the best courses in the department. The work of Doctor Farinhardt in this course was also commended.

Physical chemistry as taught by Dr. Farinhardt was subjected to somewhat the same criticism his elementary course received. It was well taught but students would like to have the material expand-

ed for explanation and clarification. The laboratory for the course was well conducted. Criticisms of presentation in this course are necessarily modified by the fact that physical chemistry is in itself a somewhat obscure subject.

Only other advanced course to be commented on was advanced analytical chemistry under Doctor Desha. "A good course under a good teacher and plenty hard," was the general opinion. Further course criticism in the department—particularly in the field of senior and graduate electives in which men in general do their own work under the direction of the professor.

# University Men In 'Who's Who'

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Dr. Tucker, who is in addition to other duties here dean of the University, has long been one of the most prominent economists in the South. He has had a great deal to do with the present Securities Exchange commission in Washington; and being one of the leading authorities of the country on taxation, he helped to draft the tax and finance program of the state of Virginia.

As dean of the School of Commerce and Administration of the University, Dr. Hancock has gained a great deal of prominence in his teaching and knowledge of financial courses. Known far and wide for his accomplishments in scientific work, Dr. Howe recently won the Herty Medal for outstanding work in Southern chemistry. His work in metallurgy has been particularly prominent.

Dr. Hoyt is head of the Biology department of the University and has been widely acclaimed for his biological research. He was formerly president of the Virginia Academy of Science.

# McClure, Ennenga Receive Business Staff Promotions

Allen Snyder, business manager of The Ring-tum Phi, announced today the names of this year's business staff. Oscar Ennenga and Thompson M. McClure were named advertising managers; and Egmont Horn and Marion T. Simon, circulation managers.

Assistant advertising managers include Homer A. Jones, Robert L. Hudson, and Price Wiswell.

Beside department managers, Snyder named 21 staff assistants: G. G. Alford, A. L. Bendheim, Jr., J. Barrie, A. Hatch, O. C. Dunn, J. Hart, C. T. Garten, W. Jasper, F. L. La Motte, Jr., M. W. Lau, and J. A. Muehleisen, Jr.

J. A. Overton, J. H. Peacock, W. O. Shropshire, J. W. Stowers, H. M. Weed, R. L. Wilson, S. Sater, C. Walker, R. Hanna.

# Poetry Book Planned

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Espy, Earl Milligan, and David Miller.

Of these, Smith, Read, Espy, Milligan, and Miller are members of the Poetry club.

# Delts Beats LXA

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